

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim 15 is amended. Claims 1-21 and 29-35 are pending in the application.

The telephonic interview between Examiner Anish Sikri and the undersigned on June 17, 2008 is acknowledged with appreciation. During the telephonic interview, agreement was reached (and endorsed by Primary Examiner William Vaughn) to withdraw the finality of the April 17, 2008 Official Action, as the rejection under 35 USC §101 was not necessitated by the Amendment filed November 30, 2007. Agreement also was reached (and endorsed by Primary Examiner William Vaughn) that amending claim 15 to recite a computer readable storage medium would overcome the rejection under 35 USC §101.

Hence, the foregoing amendment to claim 15 renders moot the rejection of claims 15-21 under 35 USC §101.

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, and 29-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0021752 by Marimuthu et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0126252 by Abir. As described below in the Statement of Common Ownership, Marimuthu et al. is not available as a reference under §103(c). Hence, this §103 rejection should be withdrawn. See MPEP §706.02(l) at pages 700-54 to 700-55 and 700-59 to 700-60 (Rev. 3, Aug. 2005).

STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP:

At the time the invention claimed in the subject application was made, the subject application 10/699,889 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0021752 by Marimuthu et al. were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same entity (Cisco Technology, Inc., San Jose, California).

Hence, the §103 rejections should be withdrawn because U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0021752 by Marimuthu et al. is not available as a reference under §103(c).

It is believed the dependent claims are allowable in view of the foregoing.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 10-005, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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